

IN THE CLAIMS:

All of the pending claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 16-22 and 25-27 are set forth below. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (cancelled) or (currently amended). Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 16-22 and 25-27 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A disk cartridge, comprising:
a case to contain a disk; and
a single ~~transparent window~~ member having a pair of transparent windows, and
attachable to and detachable from the case to allow an external light to access opposing
surfaces of the disk in the case through the single ~~transparent window~~ member.
2. (currently amended) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the ~~transparent~~
~~window~~single member is installed so that an outer surface of the ~~transparent window~~single
member is inwardly depressed relative to a surface of the case.
3. (cancelled)
4. (currently amended) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the ~~transparent~~
~~window~~single member is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.
5. (currently amended) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the ~~transparent~~
~~window~~single member is installed so that an outer surface of the ~~transparent window~~single
member is level with a surface of the case.
6. (cancelled)
7. (cancelled)
8. (currently amended) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the ~~transparent~~
~~window~~single member has a width of at least 0.8mm.
9. (currently amended) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the ~~transparent~~
~~window~~single member has a width of ~ 2mm.

10. (currently amended) The disk cartridge of claim 2, wherein the ~~transparent window~~single member is attachable to and detachable from the case, and is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A single ~~transparent window~~ member having a pair of transparent windows and provided in a disk cartridge having a case to contain a disk, wherein the ~~transparent window~~single member is attachable to and detachable from the case and allows an external light to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the single ~~transparent window~~ member.

14. (currently amended) The ~~transparent window~~single member of claim 13, wherein the transparent window member is formed of at least one of a glass or acryl.

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) The ~~transparent window~~single member of claim 14, wherein the ~~transparent window~~single member has a height so that the outer surface of the ~~transparent window~~single member is one of inwardly depressed relative to and at level with a surface of the case.

17. (currently amended) The ~~transparent window~~single member of claim 16, wherein the ~~transparent window~~single member has a width of ~ 2mm.

18. (currently amended) The disk cartridge of claim 1, wherein the ~~transparent window~~single member is installed to the case to prevent an inflow of a foreign matter into the case.

19. (currently amended) A disk cartridge, comprising:
a case to contain a disk, wherein the case includes upper and lower surfaces; and

a single ~~transparent window~~ member having a pair of transparent windows, and top and bottom surfaces, wherein the single ~~transparent window~~ member is attachable to and detachable from the case to allow an external light to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the top and bottom surfaces of the single ~~transparent window~~ member.

20. (currently amended) The disk cartridge of claim 19, wherein the ~~transparent window~~ single member is installed so that the top and bottom surfaces of the ~~transparent window~~ single member are one of inwardly depressed relative to and level with the upper and lower surfaces of the case, respectively.

21. (currently amended) The disk cartridge of claim 20, wherein the ~~transparent window~~ single member is attachable to and detachable from the case, and is formed of at least one of a glass and acryl.

22. (currently amended) The disk cartridge of claim 21, wherein the ~~transparent window~~ single member is installed to the case to prevent an inflow of a foreign matter into the case.

23. (cancelled)

24. (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) A disk cartridge and pickup assembly, comprising:
a case to contain a disk;
a pickup provided with a lens, to emit light onto the disk; and
a single ~~transparent window~~ member having a pair of transparent windows, and
attachable to and detachable from the case to allow the pickup to access opposing surfaces of the disk in the case through the single ~~transparent window~~ member.

26. (currently amended) The disk cartridge and pickup assembly of claim 25, wherein the ~~transparent window~~ single member has a width of at least W corresponding to the following relationship:

$$W = \frac{2t \cdot NA}{n}$$

where t is a distance from an outer surface of the ~~transparent window~~single member to the disk, NA is a numerical aperture of the lens of the pickup which emits the external light and n is a refractive index of the ~~transparent window~~single member.

27. (currently amended) The disk cartridge and pickup assembly of claim 25, wherein the ~~transparent window~~single member is installed so that an outer surface of the ~~transparent window~~single member is level with a surface of the case.